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Michigan has one of the most diverse manufacturing industries in the nation — in fact, in the world. According to the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS), Michigan is represented in 229 different classifications of manufacturing enterprises.

While our state leads the nation in automobile manufacturing, more than half of Michigan's manufacturing output is unrelated to the auto industry. Without taking into account automotive manufacturing, Michigan would still rank as the 13th-largest manufacturing state.

On Friday, May 13, we will celebrate Michigan Manufacturing Day. I sponsored legislation designating this day to recognize the important role manufacturing plays in our lives and to call attention to the many career opportunities that exist in this diverse industry.

The manufacturing sector offers career paths for students of all backgrounds and education levels. Tomorrow's champions of industry must be exposed today to the many opportunities manufacturing presents.

Northwest Michigan is home to a variety of manufacturers, making everything from auto parts to vacuums. In fact, Wexford County boasts the highest concentration of manufacturing facilities north of Grand Rapids. One in six jobs in Wexford County is in the manufacturing sector. Cadillac has been a manufacturing leader since the early 1900s when the city's factories included lumber mills and chemical facilities.

The manufacturing industry in Wexford County has diversified over the years to become a global supplier. By constantly responding to market changes and developing new products, industry leaders have created billion-dollar companies headquartered in Cadillac. This is just one of the reasons why we need to expose students to the growing manufacturing industry today – so they are ready to continue the charge for northern Michigan tomorrow.

To learn more about Michigan's manufacturing industry or to find out about opportunities to tour manufacturing facilities in your area, visit the Michigan Manufactures Association Web site at www.mma-net.org.